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1. DURING THE MAY 17 FIRST DAY OF A VISIT TO THE US BY DR. SYLWESTER KALISKI, POLISH MINISTER OF SCIENCE, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND TECHNOLOGY, THE SECOND "PERIODIC JOINT REVIEW" OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION TOOK PLACE DURING THE COURSE OF A MEETING WITH DR. H. GUYFORD STEVER, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. SUCH A REVIEW IS CALLED FOR BY ARTICLE 4 OF THE US-POLISH OCTOBER 31, 1972, AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. THE TWO SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE WORK OF THE JOINT BOARD AT ITS THREE SESSIONS (WASHINGTON 1974, WARSAW 1975, WASHINGTON 1976). MINISTER KALISKI REFERRED TO SOME 40 "NEW" PROPOSALS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN HIS LIST OF PROPOSALS, HE GAVE AS ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROJECTS CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED BY ERDA, WE SUSPECT THAT THE PROPOSALS ARE "NEW" ONLY IN THE SENSE THAT THEY ARE NOT YET FORMALLY APPROVED. MINISTER KALISKI ALSO URGED THAT ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO DOLLAR FUNDING TO PERMIT CONTINUING THE PROGRAM AFTER 1981, THE TERMINATION DATE FOR THE FUNDING AGREEMENT OF 1974. NEITHER SIDE MENTIONED THE PROBLEM OF ARRANGING FOR TRAVEL AFTER SEPT. 30, 1978.

2. MINISTER KALISKI ALSO HAD MEETINGS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT: WITH OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY FREDERICK IRVING AND WITH EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN ARMITAGE. GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WAS EXPRESSED AT EACH OF THESE MEETINGS. KISSINGER

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